

Project Number (to be assigned by ABP) 200916

FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL PLAN PROJECT NOMINATION FORM

1. Nominating Party (Please note affiliation, i.e. Parish, Association, Organization)

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2. Statement of the Problem. (Please give a brief description of problem and current area conditions. If you think the problem relates to water quality, sediment accumulation, access, forest health, fisheries or other issues, please indicate as well).

Access and Water Quality -

Bayou LaRose was once a very significant, commercially navigable water way,

Alterations (oil & gas canals mainly) such as the Corps Channel Training, caused it to silt
up in many places. Bayou LaRose was the main source of fresh water each year for these
swamps. Now we have sectioned off lands with rotten water that sits and gets hot and
nothing lives there anymore.

3. Project Boundary: (attach map showing specific location of project area):

Parish: St. Martin Water Management Unit (if known): Cocodrie Swamp

Lat/Long (if known): _____

4. Affected Area: (attach map of the area anticipated to benefit from project- if known)

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5. Action Description: (any proposed action or suggestion to rectify the problem. List any anticipated benefits from the project-if known)

Dig a sediment trap at the mouth at Bayou Garofier. Leave the north most mouth plugged until you have dredged the high spots from the old natural channel, then open the plug up north and let the water go. Remove the 4-wheeler bridges and earth dams that the hunting clubs put in. Shave the banks of LaRose in some spots to let water spill over into the swamps at a lower river stage. This will greatly improve fisheries and forest habitat throughout the Cocodris Swamp and allow for navigation.

6. Survey and Preliminary Assessments: (Please attach any pertinent information or documents that you might have pertaining to the problem area for review and provide a list of the documents you have attached.)

7. Additional information regarding the project area, problem or proposed action (if known):

Please bring this form to one of the meetings listed or fax it to (225) 342-6887, return by mail to:

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